MOTHER COUNTRY AND THE COLONIES

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH AT PRESTON

Says He Believes Mntnally Satisfactory Arrangements Can Be Made-Refutes Opposition's Assertions.

London, Jan. 11.—Mr. Chamberlain, own, who stood by us in our adversity speaking at Preston, first replied to Mr. and heard us when all other men made a Asquith, probably the most persistent

critic. Mr. Chamberlain said: "From the beginning and what have been the origin, the foundations of the a realization of that definite and organproposals which I have ventured to lay ized Empire, which has been the aspirbefore my countrymen and of the argu- ation of every British statesman for ments by which I supported them, are two. In the first place, I have said that the broad experience of the past thirty years has shown that British trade is on a less secure basis than it was formerly. I have pointed out that circumstances during the last thirty years have changed disadvantage, and I have argued that where circumstances have changed theory and system have changed likewise, Then, in the second place, I have said that what we call Empire, which is not one in the true sense of the word not yet what we call Empire, must be strength

ened and organized if we, as A Part of That Empire, are to hold our heads as high as we have done in the past and if we are to take our part in the progress of the world equal to any and not inferior to any. I

ensure that result my text has been, in the words of one of the Greatest of Our Colonial Statesmen. a man not interested in our politics and that speaking therefore, with no reference to party consideration, but as a mean Sir Wilfrid Laurier-he said. we do not come closer together we must inevitably drift apart.' Now what is Mr. Asquith's answer? Well, he goes to his brief (laughter), and the first thing he finds there is this: "Abuse the plain-

therefore said many uncivil things to which I will make no reply." Mr. Chamberlain went on to refute Mr. Asquith's and the opposition's assertion that he was partly profectionist. Proceeding, he said: "If I am a protecsist I wonder what Mr. Asquith would say and how he would describe Sir Wilfrid Laurier; is he protectionist? that great colonial statesman. If he is not protectionist then neither am I, since I agree with his policy in every particular. If he is a protectionist or if Mr. Asquith calls him so, why, I should like to ask, why did his clients, the Cobden Club, give Sir Wilfrid Laurier the greatest to pay-giving him the gold medal of that magnificent association (cheers and laughter) on the distinct ground of the

service that he rendered free trade. "Whether I am profectionist or not is no answer whatever to the statements made as to the foundation of policy I recommend. Does Mr. Asquith agree with what I have said in that respect? Does he agree that though at times we are a prosperous nation, though our trade is eat though there is no immediate prob ability of a great catastrophe, yet that there are cracks and crevices in the struc-

Our Commercial Position

which if they are not taken in time, if sidings, the warning which they convey is not recognized, if we do not strengthen the foundation-will inevitably lead to danger in the future? Does he agree with that? Does he agree, when I tell you, on the authority of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and on the authority of every man who has studied this great question of the union of the Empire, that we cannot go on as we are, that we must go forward or we shall go back and the present is a critical time and that it is given to this generation to decide for the descendecessors created shall be lost by their unworthy descendants"

After considerable discourse on the trade which immediately concerned Preston, Mr. Chamberlain proceeded: "I king Edward's racing stables. This did not deter Mr. Croker, and it was suggestropose a reasonable preference. Obtain from the colonies an equivalent concession by which the markets of the colonies will be secured, at all events in a large n, to you (cheers), and if you think at the present time the markets of ies small by the side of other markets, remember that we are only at ing of the growth of the Em-Within the last few years we have seen the extraordinary start which our greatest colonies have taken. You may see their population multiplied five or even tenfold. You may find you have the greatest and the most quickly grown narkets in the world. Secure them by bonds of steel; by bonds that are both | their deposits. The run on the bank, bonds of sentiment and interest. Secure that while you can, or you or your de-

Will Regret Your Decision

forever after. Labor would be employed, the most of which the foreigner would pay as toll for the right of entry into the best, biggest market in the world." Reverting again to the imperial side of the question, Mr. Chamberlain proceeded: "I could not possibly deal at

length with the one part of my pro gramme, to which I attach the greatest importance, to which I am devoting my life. I hope I have done something to out the consolidation of the Empire, which will alone enable this country, of whose past we are so proud, to carry on the glorious tradition-not be ing isolated alone but as a part of a Greater Empire. (Loud cheers.) Mr. Asquith says the loyalty of the colonies undoubtedly was never so great and deep as it is at the present time. I welcome the admission, and what an admission it is for one of those who during the past eight years have never ceased abusing us for our colonial policy; what an admission it is to say that at the end of that time we shall have left the colonies

"To suggest such a thing as the loy alty of the colonies for sale was worse than a libel. It was a gross insult to friends for him to go on to declare that the colories ask sacrifices from us and that they have more to give us than we have to offer them. I do not believe for a moment that what they (the colonies)

more loyal than they were ever before.

Results from common soaps: eczema, coarse hands, ragged clothes, shrunken flannels.

AP REDUCES Ask for the Octagon Bar

eve that mutually satisfactory arrange ments can be made between us, that there is no other country in the world, if met with a similar offer, would not jump at it, and it is only when made by our mock of us (loud cheers) that we hesi-

"If you consider the proposal for commercial union as the first step towards many years, then I say, it would be almost suicidal to refuse to discuss comknow what it is their kinsmen offer them when they ask to treat. No man is empowered by the people to close the door, and I don't believe that it will be by the will of the people that this opportunity will be ever denied them. Leaders have no right to put an obstacle in your way. ert I cannot doubt but that the people of this country have too much sense, too much patriotism, to lose the had, which, if neglected, may never come

to you again. Mr. Chamberlain resumed his seat amidst loud cheers.

WINNIPEG NEWS.

Sarah A. Pearson, Charged With Murder, Extradited-O. P. R. Extensions.

Winnipeg, Jan. 11. - Taylor, who murdered his wife in October, is dying in tative of our greatest colony, I the provincial jail and will not live six weeks.

Twenty-five million five hundred thou nd bushels of grain were inspected at Winnipeg during the period beginning September 1st and closing December 31st tiff's attorney" (laughter), and he has of last year. The previous year the figures were 23,500,000 bushels, or an inrease in favor of the present year of 2,000,000 bushels.

Fire at Macleod. The canteen and No. 2 barracks of the Northwest Mounted Police at Macleod were destroyed by fire this morning. No. barracks was saved with difficulty by

Extradition Granted. The extradition of Sarah Ann Pearson, of Mullalelish county, Armagh, Ireland, was granted to-day. The woman is wanted in Ireland to answer the charge of having murdered her mother-in-law, onor which it was possible for them Alice Pearson, it is alleged, for her money. This, however, only turned out after her death to amount to £38. The woman denies the charges.

Railway Extension. and on the Yorkton section. Many improvements for the main line are proposed, including new stations and larger of the coal was infinitely more expensive

Statement Regarding Interdicting of His | fits Horses at Newmarket. London, Jan. 11 .- A serious scandal

promises to develop in racing circles as a result of the Jockey Club's action in terdicting Richard Croker from training horses at Newmarket. The history of the affair, given out by friends of Mr. Croker, is that when at the Newmarket ants whether the Empire which their sales in September Mr. Croker appeared as a bidder for certain yearlings he was formed he was opposing Lord Marcus Beresford, who has the entire charge of not deter Mr. Croker, and it was suggested to him that if he insisted in competing would not be allowed to train his horses at Newmarket.

EXCITED DEPOSITORS

Run on Bank in New York, Which Began Yesterday, Was Resumed To-Day.

New York, Jan. 11 .- Five hundred exited Hebrews, who had deposits in the State bank in Grand street, were at the doors of that bank all night, and early privilege. to-day more than a thousand persons were waiting anxiously to withdraw which began yesterday afternoon, was resumed when the doors opened to-day. The trouble began yesterday through a positors to place their money in the bank wild lands classification. were withdrawing.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS

Meeting on January 25th to Consecrate Archdeacon Holmes and Select Archbishop.

Bishops meets at Regina on January 25th to consecrate Archdeacon Holmes, The synod of the diocese on the fourth ed coal. The symod of the diocese on the fourth ballot decided on Canon Pentreath, of Vancouver, as the second name to go before the House of Bishops to secure a Pentreath accept.

Mr. Yarwood thought that an exemption of a certain acreage for each opening could be exempted.

Reletter was read from Mr. Shannon,

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HeartDisease

MOST SUDDEN AND DANGEROUS OF AILMENTS DR. AGNEW'S HEART CURE RELIEVES IN 30 MINUTES.

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WESTERN COMPANY'S REQUEST

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SUGGEST COAL TAX AS THE ONLY CHANGE

W. J. Sutton Gives His Views With Reference to Land and Timber Subjects.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The assessment commission will, when week. The Vancouver delegations will

not come over until next week. On opening this morning a communi-Board of Trade asking what day next mercial relations with the colonies. The week it would be convenient for a delecommission when it rose on Friday evening would stand adjourned until Tuesday

E. W. Yarwood, appearing for Western Fuel Company, urged that the taxation on coal companies pressed un- of 51c. an acrejustly. It was pointed out that the royalty was put on in 1884.

The coal tax of 5 cents a ton was collected on every ton of coal mined. With

greatest opportunity this generation ever reference to the exemption for taxation on coal lands, it was provided that it should apply to the area mined, and assessors made a very wide difference in the interpretation of this. The act should be amended so as to make it clear and a certain amount fixed for each He had the statement of Mr. Duns-

e in substitution for all taxes on coal to go over 640 acres for \$140. He pick-

\$2,300 in other provincial taxes on the money and wrought the greatest destruccoal lands. The capitalization of the tion. The last class was the pulp leaser Hon. Mr. Tatlow wanted to know what the profits were.

Vancouver Coal Company, the predeces-sors of the Western Fuel Company, in pulp lands provided only the pulp timber 20 years did not average 6 per cent. on | was used. The provincial act was objeche investment in dividends a year. With the competition of oil in Cali- proper restrictions put on.

Under the new Assessment Act the increase in taxation on the lands would have been about \$2,000 additional to that ject of classifying wild lands was one by way of the trans-Siberian railroad. paid. The assessment was reduced, which required the most careful consideration and the increase about \$1,100.

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bjection to the 5 per cent. tax on the crown lands prohibitive. oal. He thought this should be the only

Railway Extension. the duty on coal going into the United Second Vice-President Whyte of the States was now restored, which worked C. P. R. left for Montreal last night, taking with him the estimates for the western lines of the system. Larger approximately against the company. With reference to the royalty paid by the Crow's Nest Company, Mr. Yarwood said that that opriations will be made for rolling was on merchantable coal only, and stock and the proposed extension of showed that in one shipment from Nalines are heavier than last year. Pro-vision is made for heavy rails on the crushing, etc. If a royalty had to be "Soo" line from Portal to Moose Jaw paid by the Vancouver Island mines in

in the Vancouver Island mines than it was in the Crow's Nest Pass. Mr. Ker alluded to the fact that the nsmuir's mines apparently made pro-

high prices were obtained in San Fran- which were to have come before the joint

of Mr. Yarwood as to the suggestion made that some lands assessed as wild istatement: Diff. lands should be put in a separate divison on account of it being impossible to the joint high commission will be conimprove them.

a difference. Lands held purely as coal lands and incapable of being improved in abeyance until then." Mr. Yarwood thought there should be should come under a different class to

Another point raised by Mr. Yarwood was with respect to forced sales for While Engaged Fighting Flames taxes. It was pointed out that under such a sale the actual owner of property was not permitted to redeem. Only the assessed owner was given this redeeming man bought a lot from the company. raged for more than three hours in the After paying a few installments to the company he allowed his taxes to become delinquent. At the sale the original and actual owner was not allowed to redeem, partments. Henry Giggey, a local fireonly the assessed owner being given this

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said this subject had less injured by the falling glass. been referred to the attorney-general, who would no doubt arrive at a solution

within a short time. Hon. Mr. Tatlow said with reference o the taxation of coal lands, it appearnisunderstanding of some small excit- ed that it might be wise to make a new able depositors thinking a rush of de- classification for it, taking it out of the

Mr. Ker asked whether the New Vancoucver Coal Company when it sold out did not make a profit in addition to the Ohio, station to-day killing the engineer per cent. in dividends.

Mr. Yarwood said that the company when it sold out did so at less than the ion is unknown; property cost. Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—The House of Mr. Ker saw a great united which ing a fresh classification for lands, which ing a fresh classification for lands, which were essentially coal lands. It would

of Vancouver, in which suggestions were made in connection with the timber adninistration. He complained that the You can never guess by the widow's tax pressed heavy upon timber men. As there was no market locally for telegraph poles, etc., it would be wise to allow of the shipping of these to Mexico, where Bible Society's agents. there was a demand for them, free of taxation. These remained otherwise on he land, and were very often destroyed the timber clear of the land, so as to in St. Petersburg. All official gaieties avoid fires, and also that all waste ma- will be dispensed with owing to the terial left should be burned up. This Hon. Mr. Tatlow said was out- been countermanded.

In timber lands there was first class running 30,000 feet to the acre, and second class, those running 15,000 feet to the acre. Incre was also agricultural lands in wild lands which varied according to their proximity to a market. There were pasture lands available for cattle, and more parren ones which might be used for sheep. There were coal and mineral lands also, and all these came under wild lands. Timber lands were assessed

under the same classification, although the values differed very widely. The same was true of other divisions. The land laws were framed in such a way as to destroy the chief asset of the province—the land. He did not disapprove of the price of \$5 an acre for crown lands. The government should give every facility towards purchasing the land, and not put an embargo on it by means of the 5 per cent, tax as wild land. The province, in order to lessen the cost of surveys, should undertake the surveys. The choice sections should be surveyed first. The survey should adjourns to-morrow evening, stand ad- classify whether it was timber lands or

cation the price should be set. Giving an example of the working of the timber laws, he explained in connection with timber land bought by his cation was reed from the Vancouver father 15 years ago that an injustice was ago that they would dictate the terms," people of this country have the right to gation to appear. It was agreed that the cruise and 50c. to survey, bringing the Arthur, it was said that Japan must cost up to \$6 an acre. At 6 per cent, in- evacuate Manchuria to preserve 15c. an acre, making an annual charge sary again to occupy Port Arthur for the

The law now allowed lease holders to ome in and get timber land for 21 years | great achievement for my country, and at 25c. an acre. 1

itself very readily to this. Classifying those who sought timber garded with sacred reverence. lands from the government Mr. Sutton said there was the purchaser; the leaser whom he described as a timber waster, as he went in and took the best of the muir, who introduced this coal tax, and timber; the licenser who was a timber he said that the intention of it was to destroyer. The latter got the privilege lands.

The Western Fuel Company paid best of the trees and the best parts of the trees and the best parts of the trees. The result was that he lost ompany was \$600,000. The taxes con-tituted 4 per cent, on the capitalization. grant's without putting up a dollar.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow called attention to the fact that this clause had been repeal-Mr. Yarwood replied that there had ed and no further grants could be made. Chairman Carter-Cotton could see no tionable inasmuch as there were not

fornia and the difficulties in mining, the company found that these taxes pressed class of land which had a little timber, but was not really timber lands. It was rocky in large part and only small sec shut to Russia, and the only means left Mr. Yarwood said that there was no on wild lands would make the selling of

Mr. Sutton before leaving called the tax collected.
Incidentally Mr. Yarwood mentioned to a recommendation which he had made to a commission appointed by the United tons of coal this year.

Mr. Yarwood alluded to the fact that veying mineral claims. Mr. Sutton argued that mineral claims should be surveyed due north and south and east | vent them from handling their guns as and west. This would work no hardship. and would simplify matters. He would in roofed trenches. not allow fractions of less than ten

The commission adjourned until this afternoon,

HIGH COMMISSION Question of Meeting Will Be Considered After Prorogation of Canadian Parliament

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.-Senator Mr. Yarwood, replying, said that the Fairbanks and Secretary of State Hay Japanese to a greater effort, while on the Dunsmuir mines made their profits in thad a long conference to-day concerning ofther hand, the news of their defeat will the days of the Wellington mines, when Canadian reciprocity and other subjects probably greatly discourage the Rus-Hon. Mr. Tatlow wanted the opinion high commission. After the conference Senator Fairbanks made the following

"The subject of the reassembling of sidered after the prorogation of the Can-

FIREMEN INJURED

Chelsea, Mass.—Property Loss Placed at \$200,000.

Chelsea, Mass., Jan. 12.-A loss privilege. This worked a hardship. A \$200,000 was caused by a fire which centre of this city early to-day, before it attention by means of comparison to the was controlled by the the Chelsea, Everett and Boston fire de- duced in the early English decade and then man, is at the hospital in a dangerous ling since introduced.

TWO MEN KILLED By Explosion of Boiler of Locomotiv

on the Eric Railroad. Cleveland Ohio, Jan. 11.-The boile of a locomotive attached to the eastbound fast express train on the Erie road

glorious effects. blew up while standing at the Creston, and fireman instantly, and badly injuring another man. The cause of the explos-

SUICIDE AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Jan. 12 .- E. Droussart, England. as Bishop of Moosonee, and elect either part of the 7.000 acres of lands held by Canon Pentreath or Bishop P. Matheson the Western Fuel Company really coversions of Rupert's Land.

be difficult to say from the surface that the state, hanged himself last night in a house in the East End. The young woman with whom he was in love recontractor and a large owner of real estate, hanged himself last night in a fused to marry him, and other troubles probably suggested suicide.

BIBLES RESTORED TO AGENTS. Constantinople, Jan. 12.-The interntion of the American legation has een successful, and the Bibles seized at Mersina and Trebizoned (Asiatic Turkey) have been restored to the American

It is stated that the Imperial family the land, and were very often destroyed will probably remain at the Tsarsakoe by fire. He also suggested that the timer owners should be compelled to cut not even returning to the Winter Palace and balls and other state functions have

REITERATES CHARGES

HAVE DISREGARDED SIGN OF RED CROSS

Japanese Baron Says He Does Not Look large vote would be polled. The electors came along slowly, and it must be con-Port Arthur.

New York, Jan. 12.-Baron Kaneko Washington. In an interview he stated journed until Tuesday morning of next agricultural. According to the classifi- that he does not look for peace, says the and a scrimmage between Oddy and Tribune.

> "Surely no proposal would come from us, and the Russians declared some time worked. This fimber land was bought he said. "When after the Chinese-Japanfor \$5 an acre. It cost 50c. an acre to ese war Japan took possession of Port terest on the investment 36c. an acre was charged against it. Under the 5 per cent. tax as wild lands this was increased of Asia. But now it has become necessame reason that caused us to leave it. "The capture of Port Arthur was a

the civilized countries generally The argument that the selling of large by it. Times without number the Rustracts conduced to land grabbing was a sians have at Port Arthur disregarded false one. The granting of leases lent the sign of the Red Cross, which in all civilized countries has always been rehave persistently fired on the Red Cross burying parties, and have retarded, whenever possible, the proper care of the wounded. This matter will probably be brought before the Geneva Red Cross convention when the war is ended. "I recall now a remark made by Gen, Kouropatkin on the occasion of his visit to Tokio, a year ago last May. He had een most hospitably received and feted.

Every possible attention was shown him. Just before his departure he was presented to one of our heroes of the war with China. You will pardon me if I refuse to give his name. 'Well,' said General Koulopatkin, you captured Port Arthur at that tme, but you could not do it now, for we have fortified it too strongly.' The Japanese, who was more polite than the Russian officer, made no reply. What a satisfaction it must have been for our hero, when, despite that boast, the Japanese took what Kouro-

patkin thought was impossible."
"We are now aboslute masters of the sea in the East. Port Arthur, Vladi-vostock, Dalny and Newchwang are all her forces to obtain supplies is by land are far too inadequate to supply properly

300,000 soldiers with food and clothing. "Because of the terribly severe cold weather at present prevailing in Manchuria it is not possible to carry on the land hostilities. They will probably be resumed in March with the exception. perhaps, of slight skirmishes. The cold is so intense that the soldiers are compelled to wear thick gloves, which prethey would otherwise. They take shelter

"The Japanese line extends over a twenty mile front, with Marshal Oyama in the centre, Gen. Oku on the left and Gen. Kuroki on the right.

"Marshal Oyama is on the Shahke tiver in the north, and when the fighting resumes, the Russians was try to prevent his advance to Mukden, where the decisive battle might be fought. It seems to me that the moral effect of the victory of the Japanese force at Port Arthur will be a great factor in the future land operations. It will tend to inspire the

ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.

interesting Address by Bishop Perrin Last Evening at Y. M. C. A. Rooms.

Quite a cro d gathered at the Y. M. (. rooms, Broad street, Wednesday to hear Bishop Perrin's illustrated lecture on "The English Cathedrals." The discourse proved one of the most interesting and in structive yet given under the auspices of the entertainment committee of the association. His Lordship was enabled to enter into an exhaustive comparison of the architectural peculiarities of the principal catheold Norman style, the improvements introthe more elaborate and decorative design-

After giving a short talk on Winchester and other immense cathedrals, he displayed a splendid picture of that located at Lin coln. In this connection the bold, rugged, unadorned style of the Normans was pointed out and compared with early English architecture to be found in a later addition to the building. Then marble had been introduced, more especially in the interior

arrangements, with beautiful and even Wells Cathedral was situated in neighborhood of the small town of Wells. of which was thrown on the screen, commost beautiful of any similar structure in

"The only cathedral in the Old Country which has three spires" was mentioned as the peculiar feature of the Litchfield Cathedral by His Lordship. In describing Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire, the speaker | taken as the keynote of the opposition to mentioned the history of an inverted arch, rate fixing by the commission. a view of which was shown. This, he stated, had been constructed after the erection of the building as an additional sup port to the centre tower, which was pressing down and would likely have fallen had not some such action been taken. Concluding, Bishop Perrin presented ex

cellent pictures of Salisbury, Peterboro Chester, Oxford and St. Albans Cathedrals, besides Westminster Abbey. Having visited most of these buildings, he was able to give a detailed description in each case. Previous to the commencement of the also ecture the Misses Scowcroft rendered a Pasha to see that the amnesty granted number of excellent musical selections. On to Macedonian Bulgarians is respected, the conclusion of his address Bishop Perrin | and that acts of injustice are stopped. was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

WHEN RHEUMATISM DOUBLES A MAN UP physician and sufferer alike lose heart and often despair of a cure, but here's travelled over two continents in a vain the exception. Wm. Pegg, of Norwood, search for a cure for nervous debility and Ont., says: "I was nearly doubled up with dyspepsia. A friend recommended South has informed the council of ministers rheumatism. I got three bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure and they cured me. It's the quickest acting medicine I mony closes with these words: "It has French military advisers and expresses

VOTING TO-DAY.

Public Are Selecting Their Municipal Representatives-Small Vote Expected.

Candidates for municipal honors may be easily located to-day. With one or two exceptions they are standing outside the entrances to the various polling stations, brimful of geniality, and extending the glad hand to their constituents. always of course before the latter cast their votes. There is nothing so pleasant to contemplate as an affable, ac dating candidate on election day. This morning there was no indication that a

fessed somewhat indifferently.

The Times political prophet does not agree with the seer on the morning na per. He thinks the following prediction fairly reaconable: North Ward—Hall, Beckwith and a fight between Kinsman and Fullerton. Centre Ward-The same returned yesterday to this city from trio who sat in the seats of the mighty ast year South Ward-Vincent, Douglas For school trustee the predic tion is Jay, Bolton and Huggett. This whether in the results it is too hard a The Times will builtin the returns this

rening as suon as they are available.

AUTOMOBILE LIVERY TO BE BUILT HERE

According to Journal Devoted to Auto Subjects--Will Be Finest in Western Canada.

According to last month's Automobile Review there is to be a big auto livery estab- been heightened by the cordial weicome I lished here in the spring. The article in the periodical is as follows:

The finest garage and automobile livery in Western Canada is to be built early next spring in Victoria, B. C. A company composed of local English capitalists is complet- Kingdom, but also from the United States ing preparations for incorporation with a and from many other countries. As the capital of \$50,000 to erect a garage and opportunities for settlement under the adstock it with modern cars as an automobile livery.

This will be the only automobile livery in Canada west of Winnipeg, and local motor- prosperity will add strength to the great ists are greatly interested in the project. The scheme is at present at that stage part. It is gratifying to note that the where all the necessary capital has been subscribed, or enough in any case to go ahead with the undertaking. But the nego- last fiscal year being the largest on record. tiations at present all centre round a deal The revenue for the past six months is for a site for the garage which it is planned also greater than for the corresponding to make a model one for its size in every period of the preceding year. respect. The site which the promoters have in view for the garage is a particular piece of land situated in the heart of the city. As another industrial concern is also reported to be negotiating for the same property the promoters of the automobile livery desire to remain in the background for the

present. Provisional plans have already been prepared by the promoters for a garage, large and roomy, to cost about \$10,000. This garage is to be thoroughly equipped with lathes, tools and machinery to do all kinds of repair work on automobiles, motor bicycles and gasoline launches, of which there are a large number in that vicinity. To commence with, it is intended to put in about ten cars of the latest model with side entrance to the tonneau, in commission in the livery department. Then, later on, according as business increases, more cars will be added to the renting stock. As the proposed company will have at least \$40,000 available for the purchase of new cars, it is expected that before another season starts and the taste of the people increases for automobiling, fully forty cars will be in

One of the leading spirits in the scheme ists to the Western prairie. has stated that English cars will be used | Gentlemen of the House of Commons: exclusively in this garage, as the men be- The accounts of the last year will be laid for American cars. The fact that one of to learn that the expenditure has been less the promoters has relatives in England than the revenue, leaving a surplus over who are engaged in the automobile manufacture is said to have influenced the decision to buy English cars. The saving of duty is also put forward as another reason. It is expected that the orders for the cars will be placed as soon as the deal for the site is put through.

FIRE AT NEEPAWA. Opera House Destroyed, Occupants of

Building Are Heavy Losers. Winnipeg, Jan. 12.-Neepawa opera house was destroyed by fire this ing. The loss on the building is \$12,000 The fire originated in a defective furnace. Among occupants who are losers are drals by means of a large collection of \$25,000; Geo. Dinwoodie, \$5,000; W. C. views showing both the exterior and in-Nelson, \$2,000; Burns Bros., \$1,000; B. Kerr & Graham, general merchants, ings. In the course of his remarks he drew Wright, barber, \$500 each. West of the Richardson, Dr. McFadden opera house Jos. Wakefield's building, occupied as a business college, and the Field house building were torn down to prevent the spread of the flames. It took the firemen three hourse to get on

a stream of water

RAILWAY RATES. President of Company Opposed Powers Being in Hands of Inter-

state Commerce Commi Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.-Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern rail way, and authorized to voice the sentiment of the New York Central Eric Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Northwhich boasted of a population of only 2,000 ern Pacific, Illinois Central, Delaware, inhabitants. This magnificent pile, a view Lackawana & Western, and other railway companies, spoke vigorously to-day bemanded the city and the whole surrounding fore the House committee on interstate country. Its west end was considered the and foreign commerce against the Cooper-Quarles bill, or any proposition to authorize the interstate commerce mmission to fix railway rates. Mr. Spencer is the first direct repre sentative of the railways to be heard by

the committee, and his testimony

ALLOWED TO RETURN. Three Thousand Bulgarian Refugees

May Take Up Residence in

Macedonia. Constantinople, Jan. 12 .- An irade. which doubtless will be helpful in tran-quilizing Macedonia, authorizes the return of 3,000 Bulgarian refugees to their be such as could be turned out of Rushomes in the vilayet of Andrianople, and orders Inspection General Helmi

DEATH OR LUNACY seemed the only alternative for a well known and highly respected lady of Wingham, Ont., who had American Nervine. One bottle helped, six that the Moroccan crisis had been entire-bottles cured, and her own written testily relieved. The Sultan restored his

OFFICIAL OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

EARL GREY READ THE SPEECH FROM THRONE

Bill to Provide Provincial Autonomy for the Northwest Territories Will Be Introduced.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 12.-The official opening of parliament took place to-day. The weather was anything but pleasant. There was a cold, biting wind with drifting snow, and the public works department had a hard time of it in cleaning the walks of Parliament Hill before the Vice Regal party arrived. The attendance in the Senate chamber, despite the

unfavorable weather, was large. Earl Grey delivered the following speech from the throne:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I desire on this occasion to assure you how sensible I am of the great honor conferred on me by the King, in appointing

me to the distinguished position of Gov.

ernor-General. My pleasure in being called upon to repre ent His Majesty in the Dominion has have received on all sides and from all

This favored land, with all its vast resources and improving facilities for transportation, is attracting people on an ever ascending scale, not only from the United vantageous conditions which exist become better known, this Dominion will become the home of an increasing number of happy and contented people, whose character and Empire of which you are so important a trade of the Dominion, which in recent years has so steadily increased, is not diminishing, the aggregate trade for the

On the invitation of the President of the United States, my government has joined in the formation of an international comalssion composed of three representatives from each country to investigate and report upon the conditions and uses of the waters adjacent to the boundary line beween the United States and Canada, and to make such recommendations for improvements and regulations as shall best subserve the interests of navigation in the said waters.

The rapid growth in the population of the Northwest Territories during the past two years justifies the wisdom of conferring on these Territories provincial autonomy. A bill for that purpose will be submitted for your consideration. The surveys necessary for the location

of the line of the national transcontinental Canadian railway are being vigorously prosecuted, and it is confidently believed that tenders for the construction of several sections may be invited during the com The splay of Canadian products made

last year at the St. Louis exposition proved marked success in attracting agriculturd the project seem to have an antipathy before you. It will be satisfactory to you

all charges. The estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date; they have been prepared with a due regard for economy

consistent with the development of the resources of the Dominion. Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I invite your best attention to the subjects I have mentioned and invoke the Divine blessing on your deliberations. After the reading of the speech parlia-

ment adjourned until Monday. RUSSIAN PRESS LAWS

Will Be Made Applicable Alike to Pro-vincial and Metropolitan St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.-The committee of ministers resumed their consider ation of the press laws to-day. One of the things already decided on is the unification of the laws in order to make them applicable alike to provincial and metropolitan papers. It is understood that the committee decided to consider the question of the responsibility of ministers before the courts, ministers being

now responsible for their act only to the

ACTION POSTPONED. Negotiations Between Russia and States Regarding Arbitration Treaty

Delayed. St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.-Russia has een informally notified by the United States government that owing to the limited time at the disposal of the short session of the American congress further negotiations on the subject of the proposed Russian American arbitration treaty will be postponed. Only those reaties which are of uniform model can be laid before the senate this session.

CHINA WANTS CARS.

Tenders Will Be Invited From Foreign

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.-It is stated that the Chinese eastern railway is about to invite tenders abroad for several thouand freight cars of extra large dimensions, the order totalling several millions of dollars. Dissatisfaction is expressed sian workshops.

WILL RESIGN.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 11.-A sensation was caused to-day by a statement that August Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Club, will m sign as chairman of the National baseball commission

satisfaction with the French policy.

WEEKLY WEA

Victoria M The weather dur with the exception cold. The winds to moderate in for ward, both on the extending to Califo weather is due to minion from the I across California barometer areas wards the Mississip tions have caused dry and cold nort the Pacific slope.
here upon the last and on the Lowe days. At Port Si perature was belo day of the week. days the maximum freezing point, No in the Kootenay no snow has falle temperature has l zero upon two da; of Alberta, where tively mild, zero general througho Manitoba. The ported were 42 be and 44 below at morning of the 10 more extensive th

20 degrees of frost Victoria-Amoun corded was 26 ho .12 inch; highest lowest, 31.3 on 9th New Westmins est temperature, Kamloops—No sn. 34 on 4th, 5th and

spread to the sout

Barkerville-Sno temperature, 28 on on 8th. Port Simpson-R perature, 38 on 4 26 on 8th, 9th an Dawson-Highes the 8th; lowest, 28

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-Dr. Fagan, cial board of he Sanitary Officer for Darcy Islan lazaretto will be the provincial now five lepers whom is said to When taken ove ernment they month instead of

to-night.

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